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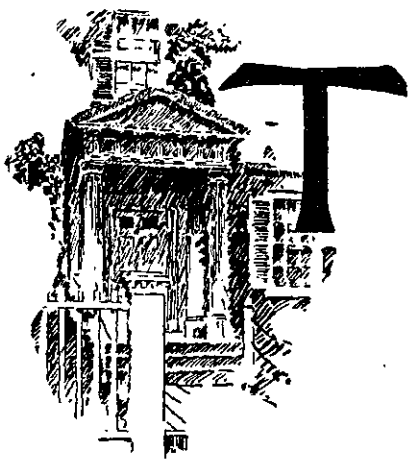
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THE plan which the Architectural Society has adopted by which subjects will be assigned to those members of the Society who wish to make tracings, is, under its present revised form, one which reflects great credit on the Society. Hitherto the making of such tracings from the unfamiliar, rare and costly books or originals has been carried on in a way by which only a few were benefited, and in comparison

with the work done in other years, the results under the new system should be excellent. By this scheme the tracings, the subjects for which make a list of over forty exterior and interior features, will be made and kept by the Society; blue prints will be made from the tracings to be sold at a low price, thus putting within easy reach of all the benefits of an acquaintance with the less known and more expensive original designs. By this systematized plan the members of the course will be better enabled than before to get a broader and more intelligent grasp on the subject. It is perhaps needless to say that the Society has the active support of the instructing staff and the scheme should be successful.



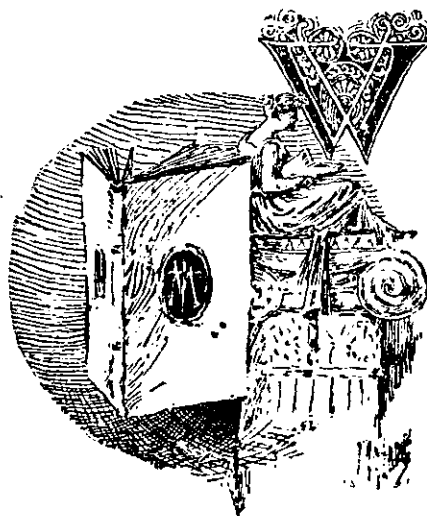
THE lack of money for the running of the football and track teams in Technology, is only too apparent. What money is obtained is raised by subscription,

and only those who have attempted such work know what that means. In looking over the ground as to how many of the smaller colleges raised the money necessary for such work, the method employed at Tufts seems most feasible and easily applicable to Technology.

At Tufts, the corporation donates ten dollars out of every paid tuition for the support of athletics. Why could not this method be applied at the Institute? Tufts raises about \$3,000 in this way, sufficient for all purposes. With the tuition at Technology so high, com-

pared with other schools, the donation of merely *one dollar* from each tuition would place athletics on a firm basis financially, and with but little effect upon the funds of the Institute. With such a plan, the teams would have about \$1,200 per year at their disposal and with that sum both the football and track organizations could do away with subscriptions.

The plan is not absurd, is not an impossibility, and its having been employed at Tufts for several years shows its feasibility. We hope the matter will be taken up by the Advisory Council, or the athletic organizations and presented to the Corporation of the Institute in such form as seems most advisable to them.



I beg to call attention to the article on the Roger tablet appearing in this issue of THE TECH as the first of a series of articles which we hope to publish from time to time during the year. These arti-

cles will serve a purpose of permanent value inasmuch as they are the accurate records of various historical facts of the Institute, the details of which are either very widely scattered or very difficult to get at. By publishing these papers THE TECH is putting on record incidents which are likely to be of considerable value to those interested historically or otherwise in Technology's associations. Every year brings many innovations which are then so entirely in the present that the recording of the many details is likely to be neglected, and these articles will to some extent remedy this condition of things.

Just because a Freshman sits at the *tail* of the table and eats Frankfurters, he should not consider himself a *wag*.

Freshman Drill Troubles.

The disturbances in the Freshman Class over the question of enforced military drill, which were so prevalent early in the first term, have again broken forth, with the result that this time the Freshmen have incurred the displeasure of the Faculty and serious results are apprehended. Since their attempt, last October, to lock the instructor in the drill hall, matters remained comparatively quiet until the present term. About three weeks ago the dormant hostility of the class again became manifest, and, after passing through a somewhat boisterous afternoon at drill, the climax was reached at the next Saturday's Military Science lecture, when Lieut. Hamilton was obliged to withdraw on account of the noise.

The result of this was that President Crafts announced to the class that the lectures in Military Science would be discontinued for the remainder of the present year and some other form of instruction would be substituted in their place. The conduct of the class had been so unruly that the instructor had not only been unable to control them, but even had to call in the Faculty to his aid, and the Faculty would stand this nonsense no longer but were determined to take vigorous measures at once in dealing with the class.

The Freshmen have grown anxious over what steps may be taken in the matter, and a meeting was called last Friday afternoon to consider the situation. Among the alternatives that have been suggested are a course of recitations and weekly tests in military science, and the possibilities of a failure being given to the whole class in drill, which would necessitate a repetition of the subject next year. In the face of these discouraging possibilities about 300 were present at the meeting, including many enthusiastic upper class men. An address was made by C. M. Leonard, president of the Senior Class. After a few words in regard to the usefulness of

the lectures in Military Science, he spoke to them of how unsympathetic the other classes were with the whole affair, and how they considered it a disgrace both to the Class of 1903 and to the Institute.

Resolutions, stating that the class was sorry for the trouble it had caused and wished for a resumption of the lectures, were presented by Messrs. Crosby and C. J. McIntosh, and a committee was appointed to consider these resolutions and report to the class on the following Tuesday.

As a result of this trouble it is extremely probable that the interscholastic drill, which was held under the auspices of the Freshman Class last year, as well as an interclass drill with the Sophomores, will have to be abandoned this spring. The class itself is not in condition to give an exhibition, and the Faculty look with disfavor upon its taking charge of any drill exhibitions whatever.

Captain Bordman Acquitted.

The result of the trial by court-martial of Captain Bordman has at last been announced by Brig. Gen. Hughes, commanding in the Island of Panay. The result is a complete acquittal for Captain Bordman for all part taken by him in the execution of Pedro Gargenero, a notorious bandit captured by U. S. troops last year.

As will be remembered, General Hughes ordered the bandit to be turned over to Captain Bordman for safe keeping. This was done and Captain Bordman had the prisoner executed. This execution was a violation of article 62, U. S. Army Regulations, which provides for the personal safety of prisoners of war, and for it Captain Bordman was tried by court-martial. In his own defense Captain Bordman stated that he interpreted the words of the order, "for safe keeping," as meaning that escape or rescue of the bandit should be made absolutely impossible.

These conditions, he reasoned, could only be fulfilled by the death of the bandit.

The delay in announcing the finding of the courts is explained by the fact that the verdict must first be presented to the commanding officer of the department for his endorsement. In Captain Bordman's case the verdict was sent to General Hughes at Iloilo.

Daily Themes.

A little, lean, brown dog, its tail wagging from side to side, was jogging contentedly along the tracks of an electric railroad. Behind it and coming in the same direction was an electric car filled with people. The car gained rapidly on the dog. The motorman shouted and howled, but the little pup kept smoothly on its way. With a rush the car seemed to jump on the little mass of life. For a second or two there was suspense, then the people in the car looked backward and saw, not a mangled lump of sausage meat but the same little dog, with its little tail, firmly turned in between its legs, going in the opposite direction.

J. B.

A long narrow boat, looking somewhat like a life-boat and fitted with some half dozen seats, was moored by the side of the wharf. On the wharf was a drunken man,—he was very drunk,—dressed in ordinary clothes and knee rubber boots. He climbed down into the boat and tipsily stumbled towards the stern. Once he fell heavily on the sharp corner of a seat, but he picked himself up apparently unhurt, and standing uncertainly on his unsteady feet he yelled some half intelligible curses at the laughers on the wharf, feebly shaking his fist in their direction. He stumbled to the stern of the boat and there started to change his rubber boots for shoes. When he had one shoe on, he got to his feet, and stood for a moment trying to gain his balance and then pitched

overboard. As he rose some one pulled him in. Entirely unsobered by his rescue from death, he spat in the face of his rescuer and cursed him.

R. C. T.

While in the Lynn Narrow Gauge station Saturday, I saw a funny occurrence. In the station, smoking a cigar, was a sportily dressed young fellow. It was not hard to see that he was drunk. He happened to drop the cigar. Picking it up, he returned it, wrong end first, to his mouth. His mouth and coat were covered with ashes. The people who had been watching him could not restrain their laughter. When he had brushed off his coat, he again raised the cigar. The ash end of the cigar was still turned towards his mouth. We all braced back for another laugh. Just as he was about to put it in his mouth, however, gracefully swinging it around between his fingers, he brought the right end to his mouth. Grinning sillily, he glanced around him. The joke was certainly on us.

C. P. H.

There can be no greater pleasure to a lover of nature than to glide silently along through the deep, dark water of the river and watch the changing scenery. Here is a thick, dark wood with numberless birds flitting through the branches of its trees. You hear a slight splash, and, looking in the direction from which it comes, see a line of turtles slide hurriedly into the water, disturbed in the midst of their sunbath by your approach. A muskrat pushes out into the river, but, noticing the canoe, dives and is seen no more. The canoe slides out from the dark shade of the woods into a sunny open meadow. A flock of crows flap lazily across the landscape and off in the distance is a hawk, circling far above a farm-house nestling at the base of a hill, in search of his mid-day meal.

H. S. M.

Dartmouth has added to her curriculum a new department of political science.

The Rogers Tablet.

There are many things about the Institute with whose history the ordinary Technology student is very slightly acquainted. It is the purpose of this article to deal with one object, which is familiar to all, and with which many interesting, and yet perhaps not widely known, facts are connected—the Rogers Tablet.

Professor William Barton Rogers, founder and first president of the Institute, died May 30, 1882. The circumstances which attended his death are known to all. They were singularly appropriate as he passed away surrounded by the pupils, professors and friends of the great institution which he had created. Early in the beginning of the next school year a memorial meeting was held; here it was voted that the students of the Institute should erect a tablet to the memory of Professor Rogers. The class of '82, at whose graduation exercises the death of Professor Rogers had occurred, was also to be asked to contribute to the fund required. A committee of five was chosen to take charge of the matter. They selected a sculptor, and proceeded with the collection of the money.

The total amount which they finally received was \$403.20, which was perhaps considerable for those earlier days when the number of students in the Institute was small, but which, when compared to the amount raised for General Walker's Bust two years ago, is small indeed.

Mr. Truman H. Bartlett, who is still in the Architectural Department of the Institute, was chosen as the sculptor to have charge of the formation of the tablet. By the spring of 1883 he had finished the plaster model, which was then sent to Paris where the bronze cast was made by a noted caster, M. Gruet. In the autumn of the same year the finished tablet arrived in this country.

The Faculty of the Institute inspected the

tablet previous to its erection. The artistic merits of the memorial were undeniable, but, and this seemed inexcusable to the professors, a gross mistake in punctuation was discovered: between the I's of the LL.D., which is part of the inscription, a period had been inserted. Mr. Bartlett produced his plans; they were flawless. The mistake must have been made in France; but, however that may have been, it had to be eradicated, so, with chisel and hammer, Mr. Bartlett removed as well as possible the offending period. On close inspection, however, the result of the mistake may still be seen.

During the last week of November, in 1883, the tablet was erected without ceremony in the corridor of the Rogers Building, and there it has remained to the present day.

1903 Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Freshman Class held last Tuesday, the following resolutions relative to the recent drill troubles were adopted:

Whereas;—The Class of 1903 has, by certain actions, brought disfavor upon itself, and

Whereas—The Class considers such actions inconsistent with the spirit and traditions of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

Whereas—The Class believes that the unpleasant state of affairs now existing has been the result of thoughtlessness—not the result of maliciousness; and

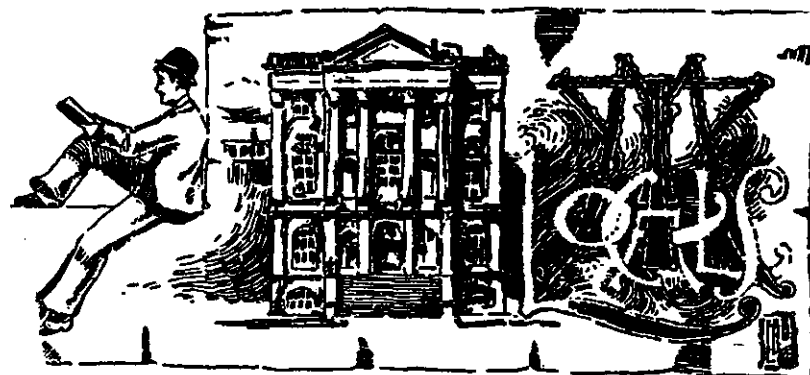
Whereas—The Class wishes to express confidence and an earnest desire that an opportunity be given to gain a proper position in the estimation of the Faculty;—therefore be it

Resolved—That the Class of 1903, does hereby condemn the continuance of such actions; and be it

Resolved—That the Class in future will conduct itself in accordance with the express wish of the Faculty; and be it also

Resolved—That the Class does hereby respectfully petition for the continuance of Military Science Lectures; and be it further

Resolved—That a copy of these Resolutions be presented to the Faculty, spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and inserted in THE TECH.



Mr. J. P. Draper has been elected to the editorial staff of THE TECH.

1901 Class pictures may be ordered of the 1901 Technique Board or O. H. Perry, Jr., C. W. Adams, P. G. L. Hilken, and V. F. Holmes.

A course for fourth-year men in Microscopic Organisms has just started. It deals with the effect of these organisms on the taste and odor of water.

Prizes of five dollars each are offered by the management of the Technology Theatricals for the best design submitted for the poster and for the program cover.

Tickets for the Freshman Dinner are to be had from F. W. Davis, B. Fields, Jr., R. P. Marsh, R. A. Burr or S. A. Foster. The price of the tickets is two dollars.

H. W. Marshall, '97, at present doing Bacteriological Investigation at the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, visited the Biological Department last week.

The Notman Photo. Co. has been chosen to do the photographic work for the Senior Class and for the Portfolio. All members of the class are requested to make dates for sittings.

A new professional society has been formed. It is the Sanitary Engineering Journal Club for members of Course XI. and fourth year men of Course VII. The meetings are held on alternate Friday afternoons.

A committee consisting of members from each of the larger courses is being formed

by the Graduate Class of '99, for the purpose of raising funds from the class for the Walker Memorial Gymnasium. The committee at present consists as follows: B. E. Morse, G. H. Perkins and H. L. Morse, Course II.; C. A. Watsons and M. S. Richmond, Course IV.; M. S. Sherrill and C. M. Swan, Course V.; H. P. James, Course VI.; J. A. Patch and W. O. Adams, Course X.; Stark Newell, Course XIII.

A meeting of the Senior Class was held Friday, Feb. 23d. The Treasurer's report showed a large outstanding debt with a comparatively small sum in the treasury. A vote of thanks was tendered to the Board of Editors of THE TECH for their donation of the proceeds of the special 1900 number. A Portfolio Committee was elected, consisting of Messrs. Zeigler, Fitch and Rapp. A scheme for the election of Class Day officers practically the same as that used by '98 and '99 was adopted by an unanimous vote.

The Medicine Man.

The rehearsals for the chorus and ballet for the comic opera are going on uninterruptedly now and the ballet especially is rounding up into excellent form. More men are needed for both chorus and ballet however, and everyone is invited to try for the former who has any ability whatever.

The list of patrons and patronesses will not vary essentially from that of the Minstrel Show. Among the names are: Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, Mrs. Oliver Ames and Mr. and Mrs. J. Montgomery Sears.

The cast is provisionally as follows:

Muchash,	F. B. Driscoll, '01.
Simkins,	C. V. Merrick, '00.
Monne-Chow-Chow,	R. B. Derby, '01.
Owandah,	M. C. Brush, '01.
Totem,	A. W. Rowe, '01.
Property-Man,	F. R. C. Boyd, '01.
Nannee,	Seneca Brown, '02.
Clover,	Lewis Emery, 3rd, '00.



V. I. Nettleton has been elected temporary captain of the 1903 Baseball Team.

French, '02, is doing exceptionally good work in the short put. With consistent training he should have no difficulty in making the track team this spring.

At a meeting of the members of the 1902 Baseball Team, H. B. Pond, last year's captain, was unanimously elected to fill the position for the coming year. A good schedule of games is being arranged by Manager Gannett, and when Capt. Pond calls for candidates, every 1902 man who has ever played baseball should come out and try for the team.

The first Hare and Hounds run this spring was held from the Pumping Station at Chestnut Hill Reservoir last Saturday afternoon. Stockman, '01 and Reed, '02 scattered the paper over a course of about seven miles crossing the town of Brookline to the edge of West Roxbury taking Singletree Hill and Mt. Walley on the way; returning through the bridle path and golf links of the Country Club, to Chestnut Hill Station, and finishing with a loop around the Reservoir. The Hounds lost the trail near Chestnut Hill Station and ran home down the railroad cutting off about a mile. H. A. Stiles, '03, cut his foot early in the run but kept on in a gritty manner and was first in with Pember, '02 and Manson, '03 close behind.

The run next Saturday will be from Wellesley Hills. Men wishing to go should be

on hand for the two o'clock train at the Columbus Ave. Station, B. & A. The fare is twenty-five cents round trip.

Tennis Association.

The regular annual meeting for the election of officers for the Tennis Association was held on last Friday. President Badlam spoke on the condition of the association and the Secretary's report for the year was read, E. G. Thatcher, '01, who was elected president of the New England Tennis League at its formation a short time ago, told of the plans of the league in regard to a spring tournament on the Longwood courts. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows; President, Thatcher, '01; Vice-Pres. du Pont, '01; Sec. and Treas., E. H. Cutter, '02; Executive Committee, Danforth, '01, Bradley, '02, Jones, '03, and the other officers.

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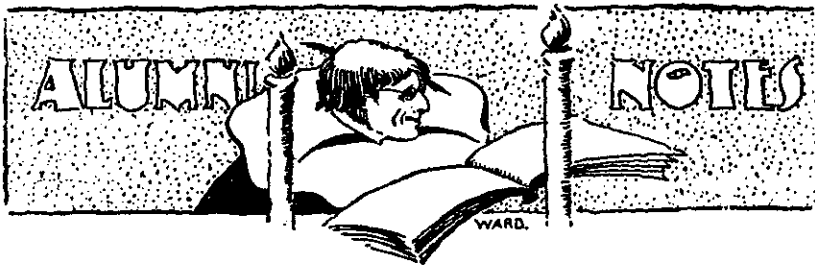
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'87. G. A. Armington, II., has been appointed to the position of manager in the Cleveland & Crave Car Co.

'88. R. H. Colby, V., has been elected president of the Aurora Metal Co., of Illinois.

'91. S. Bradley, II., is in the firm of Bradley & Chapman, installing heating and cooking apparatus.

'95. Clifford B. Sanborn, Course IX., has opened a law office in the Niles Building, Boston.

'98. Lester D. Gardner, IX., has been giving a course of lectures at Columbia University.

'99. Clarence A. Moore, X., is in the employ of the American Steel and Wire Co., of Worcester, Mass.

Calendar.

March 9. — 1902 Class Dinner.


March 10. — Concert by the Musical Clubs, Colonial Club, Cambridge.

March 16. — Concert by the Musical Clubs, Dorchester.

March 17. — 1903 Class Dinner.

March 22. — Concert by the Musical Clubs, Boston Y. M. C. A.

"THE GIRLS ARE FOND OF THESE"

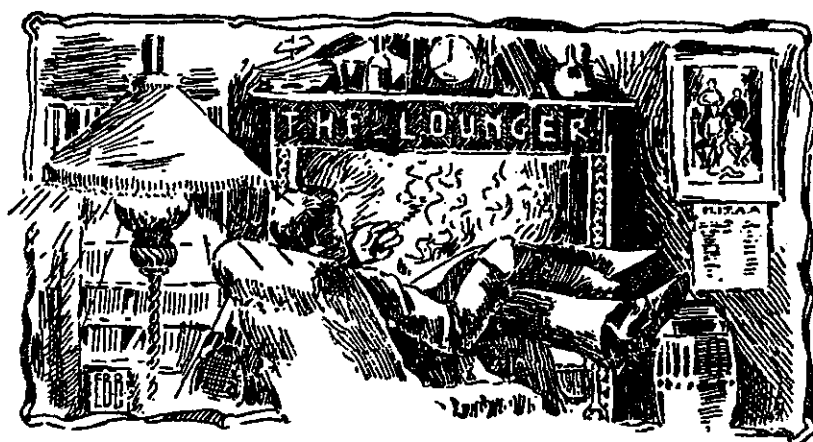


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The Instructor in Military Science is learning the lesson of modern warfare that the side with artillery and reinforcements must in the end win. The Freshmen, too, are learning this now that the Faculty have come to the rescue of Lieutenant H-m-lt-n in time to spare him the humiliation of an unconditional surrender to the victorious Corps of Cadets. Until the Lieutenant called into action the big guns, the fighting was hot in the laager on Irvington street, but now Huntington Hall bids fair to become the theatre of war. The class meeting of Friday was a clever bit of strategy, but in his capacity of patron saint and guardian angel of Tech. Freshmen THE LOUNGER counsels discretion as the better part of valor. It is one thing to trim one man, but another to run up against a Faculty that pulls together as well as that to which Fate has consigned the administration of the M. I. T., and resolutions expressing sympathy or condolence with the Faculty are unnecessary. THE LOUNGER'S regret, however, is that he was not invited to express at this class meeting the views of the upper class men regarding these late reprehensible acts of mutiny and insubordination, but, instead, his old friend, the President of the Senior Class, was duly honored and permitted to indulge in a few innocent and generally harmless remarks in that line, which failed to wring tears of shame and repentance from his audience. Any upper class man desiring to know his own views of this interesting subject should apply to the Senior Class President, Cage, for information.



Unfortunately the following incident was nothing more than a bit of pantomime to THE LOUNGER, but he would suggest that the reader supply appropriate dialogue. The leading part was taken by a Ph. D. of the Walker Building. He had finished his lunch, adjusted his overcoat, taken his hat and was about to dust an infinitesimal atom of dust from the same when something about it caused him to hesitate, replace it on the rack, take up the next hat in line, look at it, and put it back. Then, one by one, he examined all the hats in the vicinity. At the twenty-seventh hat he paused to call to his side his devoted

slave (in this case the particular ornament of our instructing staff) and together they began a systematic examination of exactly one hundred and sixty-nine hats. Not one escaped. Then they began over again. Picking up hat number one, rack number one, the professor examined it again and passed it to his assistant, who tried it on. The effect was evidently unsatisfactory for the elder man looked disappointed and the younger looked absolutely wretched. Hat number two only served to intensify the misery of ornament number two. At last number one hundred and seventy-seven was reached, eight students having come in during the performance and the instructor departed and sat down at the table he had so lately left. Thirty-seven minutes later the instructor returned, slipped a package into the hand of the master and the two walked out. THE LOUNGER followed in time to see drawn from the bundle — a hat. It was not quite large enough to fit over the ears of the unlucky man but it did very nicely for all that.

THE LOUNGER realized for the first time that the duties of even a Phys. Lab. assistant might become arduous, and that it was inconsistent with the dignity of the office for a member of the Faculty more than to look at two sides of a student's hat.



As THE LOUNGER remarked last week, he thoroughly enjoys seeing a good joke appreciated. But there are jokes and there are jokes; and Tech. has a good supply of all varieties. There is the ancient geological joke, the sanitary biological joke, the unsanitary Restoration joke of second year Lit.; there is the precise and accurate joke of the Physics lecture-room — not Physics itself, that is no joke — and finally, in a class by itself, there is the practical joke.

Take an actual illustration: a class places a bulldog upon a desk in a certain popular lecture room as a joke upon the entering professor. Now this is manifestly a practical joke; it is ingenious; it demands a keen mind in order to appreciate or detect any wit in it, and is entirely for the amusement of the class — the perpetrators. Under these circumstances what effect is produced upon the professor? He calls it off for the day — not the dog but the lecture. From one point of view we may say that the professor, being pleased immensely with the originality of the trick, rewards the class with a holiday; from another standpoint, the professor may be regarded as having failed to grasp any redeeming feature in a childish performance, and as dismissing the class — one in "Precision of Measurements" — in disgust. If the latter view be the correct one, THE LOUNGER considers that the precision of the class in measuring the appreciative powers of the professor, was small indeed.

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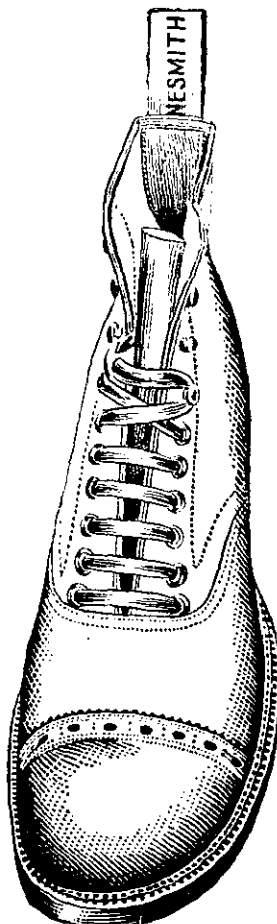
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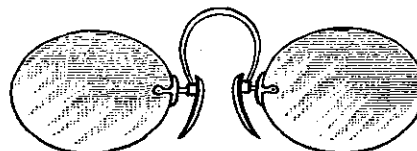
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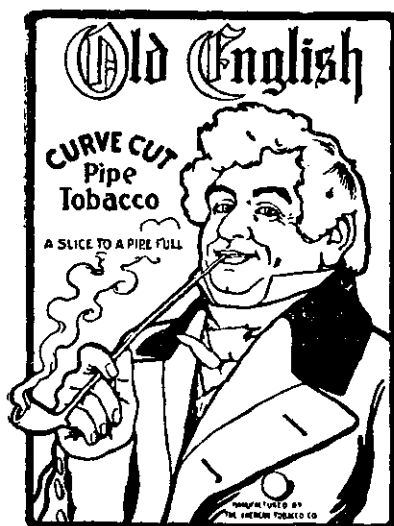
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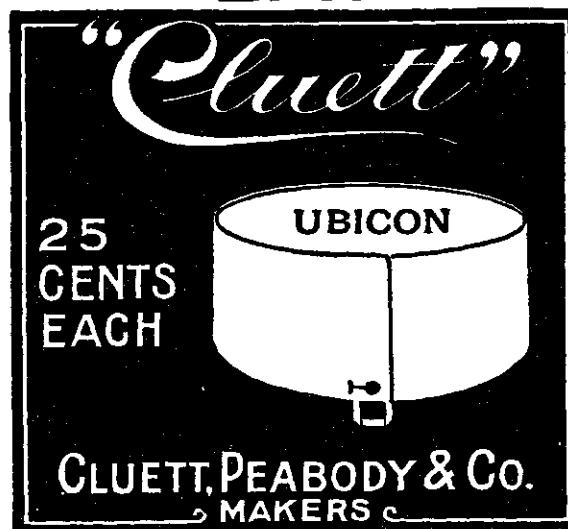
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